

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Missouri Department of Mental Health  
1706 E. Elm Street, P.O. Box 687, Conference Room B  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

## **Mental Health Commission Meeting September 13, 2007**

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### **PRESENT**

Ron Dittmore, Chair  
Beth Viviano, Secretary  
Phillip McClendon  
Patricia Bolster, M.D.  
Kathy Carter  
David Vlach

### **STAFF**

Keith Schafer, Department Director  
Lynn Carter, Deputy Director  
Mark Stringer, Division Director, ADA  
Joe Parks, Division Director, CPS  
Bernie Simons, Division Director, MRDD  
Patty Henry, Dep. Director, Administration  
Brent McGinty, Administration  
Jan Heckemeyer, DMH Administration  
Felix Vincenz, CPS COO  
Monica Hoy, Assistant to the Director  
Bob Bax, Director's Office  
Pam Leyhe, Director's Office  
Diane McFarland, DMH Transformation  
Mary Tansey, General Council  
Benton Goon, DMH Transformation Grant  
Leigh Gibson, Consumer Affairs  
Cathy Welch, Director's Office  
Audrey Hancock, Director's Office

John Heskett, DMH

### **GUESTS**

Debbie McBaine, ADA  
Susan Pritchard-Green, MO Plng. Council  
Tec Chapman, MRDD  
Robin Rust, MRDD  
Jeff Grosvenor, MRDD  
Dottie Mullikin, DOP  
Gary Lyndaker, ITSD  
Liz Hager-Mace, DMH Housing  
Marsha Buckner, ADA  
Julia Kaufmann, MRDD  
Vickie Epple, DMH Transformation  
Rhonda Haake, ITSD  
Sandy Wise, MRDD  
Laurie Epple, ADA  
Jodi Haupt, ADA  
Virginia Selleck, CPS  
Patrick Murphy, OHR  
Bianca Arrington-Madison, ADA  
Angie Stuckenschneider, ADA  
Rosie Anderson-Harper, CPS  
Barry Critchfield, Deaf Services  
Terry McAdams, OHR  
Miriam Schepers, MOACF  
Carol Baer, Emmaus Homes  
Danny Wedding, MIMH

Francie Broderick, Places for People  
Cindi Keele, NAMI MO  
Diane Mack, Kansas City  
Kelsey Mack, Kansas City  
Kathy Meath, St. Louis ARC  
Diane Riley, United Health Care  
Wendy Sullivan, Life Skills  
Greg Kramer, Life Skills  
Betsy Barnes, Pike County DD  
Margie Mueller, MOACF  
Vicki McCarrell, UOI  
Jackie Lukitsch, NAMI St. Louis  
Joe Yancey, Community Alternatives  
Erica Leonard, MARF  
Peg Capo, DDRB  
Ladd Egan, KRCG-TV  
Becky Blackwell, Judevine  
Marilyn Nolan, MOANCOR  
Jhan Hurn, Community Support Services  
Jan Jones, GCBDD  
Ann Mattingly, BMS  
Zack Pollock, AFSCME  
Terry Combs, Chariton Valley Assoc.  
Frank Jackson, BMS  
Erica Stephens, MO P & A  
Linda Grgerich, Preferred Family Health

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Ron Dittmore, Chair, called the meeting of the Missouri Mental Health Commission to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2007. The meeting was held at Department of Mental Health, Conference Room B, 1706 East Elm Street, Jefferson City, MO.
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Phillip McClendon made a motion to approve the Mental Health Commission Minutes for August 9, 2007. Beth Viviano seconded the motion and the Minutes were approved.
<b>WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER</b>	Ron welcomed Dr. David Vlach who was appointed to the Commission for a term ending June 28, 2010.
<b>RECOGNITION OF JOHN CONSTANTINO</b>	The Commissioners, Keith Schafer, staff and guests recognized former Commissioner John Constantino and thanked him for his years of service to the Commission.
<b>FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET RANKING</b>	<p>Brent McGinty and Jan Heckemeyer provided handouts of the DMH FY2008 Supplemental Budget and FY2009 Operating Budget detailing the Department Request as of 9/7/07 and the Department Request with OA Budget and Planning Recommendations, as ranked by the DMH Executive Team. Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Caseload Growth—Pam Leyhe recommended DMH review this item. Pam and Patty will work on renegotiation.</li> <li>➤ Medicare Premiums—Jan noted this is for Medicare Part B and D.</li> <li>➤ MOSOTC—discussion on growth of MOSOTC population.</li> <li>➤ MOHealthNet MH Partnership Technology Initiative—discussion on this item being treated as mandatory.</li> <li>➤ Community Provider Inflationary Increase—Keith Schafer explained DMH budget process on this item.</li> <li>➤ MRDD Health Care Risk Reduction—discussion on reprioritizing this item.</li> <li>➤ PAB Approved Repositionings—Social Workers not included in this request due to low turnover and low vacancies. This item will be revisited for next year.</li> <li>➤ Specialized Autism Services—discussion on why Budget and Planning reduced this item.</li> <li>➤ MRDD Dual Diagnosis Community Services—discussion on reason for reduction by Budget and Planning.</li> <li>➤ Preventing Child Drinking—was removed due to budget constraints; is now federally funded so services will remain.</li> <li>➤ Faith-Based and Community Partnerships for Recovery Supports—discussion on concerns of this being removed.</li> <li>➤ Electronic Medical Record: Medication Administration &amp; Physician Orders—was removed; B&amp;P recommended consideration of this item as part of a broader Electronic Medical Records Initiative.</li> <li>➤ Stable Housing – Stable Communities—Liz Hager-Mace, DMH Housing Director, noted that DMH has a good relationship with the State Housing Commission and works collaboratively on continuum of care, technical assistance with housing providers to apply for MO Housing Trust Fund. It was the consensus to request reinstatement.</li> <li>➤ Supported Employment—after discussion, it was the consensus to ask Budget and Planning to reinstate this request.</li> <li>➤ Serving Our Veterans—this item increased but then changed considerably from August. Item’s VA bricks and mortar</li> </ul>

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	<p>went into CI request, while prevention item for families of veterans was added.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Assertive Community Treatment Expansion—Keith noted that though this item was struck from request, the Commission may request this put back in budget request.</li> <li>➤ CMHC &amp; FQHC Collaboration—Commission may also request this be placed back in request.</li> <li>➤ Deaf Services Resource Team and Local Deaf Services Team and At Risk Elder Missourians—both items were struck from request due to budget ranking.</li> </ul> <p>Ron Dittmore asked for a motion to modify the decision items list as discussed. Phillip McClendon made the motion and Beth Viviano seconded and the motion passed. The decision items discussed will be ranked as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 009 – MRDD Health Care Risk Reduction</li> <li>• 010 – MRDD Waitlist</li> <li>• 011 – Reducing Children’s Division Out-of-Home Placements Due to Parental Drug Addiction</li> <li>• 012 – Access for Indigent Mentally Ill</li> <li>• 013 – Training Investments for Safety and Quality</li> <li>• 014 – Specialized Autism Services</li> <li>• 015 – School Based Mental Health Services</li> <li>• 016 – MI/DD Dual Diagnosis Community Services</li> <li>• 017 – Transitional Community Programs</li> <li>• 018 – Direct Care Staff Career Pathway</li> <li>• 019 – PAB Approved Repositionings</li> <li>• 020 – Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDT)</li> <li>• 021 – Emergency Room and State Psychiatric Hospital Diversion</li> <li>• 022 – Emergency Room Assist Teams</li> <li>• 023 – Personnel Advisory Board – Hazard Differential for Maximum Security Direct Care Staff</li> <li>• 024 – Community Partnership Service Coordination</li> <li>• 025 – Supported Employment</li> <li>• 026 – State and Private ICF/MR Provider Tax</li> <li>• 026 – State and Private ICF/MR Provider Tax Transfers</li> <li>• 027 – Incentivize High Performing Providers</li> <li>• 028 – Stable Housing – Stable Communities</li> <li>• 029 – Serving Our Veterans</li> <li>• 030 – Person Centered Federal Grant</li> <li>• 031 – Shelter Plus Care Grants</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 032 – Western MO Mental Health Center MI/DD Waiver Group Homes</li> <li>• 033 – Increase Mental Health Earnings Fund Authority</li> <li>• 034 – ADA Partnership with St. Louis Mental Health Board</li> <li>• 035 – Group Home Land Sale Proceeds Transfer to Mental Health Housing Trust Fund</li> <li>• 035 – Habilitation Center Capital Improvement Projects</li> </ul>
<b>HIPAA DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Keith Schafer referred to an ICF/MR Survey conducted by DHSS, and the subsequent report that determined immediate jeopardy for certain clients at Bellefontaine Habilitation Center. That report was forwarded to eleven individuals, including the Mental Health Commissioners and certain individuals who had requested it. However, the report contained a page with client names and health information, creating a HIPAA violation. Keith expressed his deep regret and apologies for this serious error. He explained further the actions that were taken subsequently to contact all recipients of the report that contained the HIPAA violation page, and all eleven had either returned the page or had confirmed that they had destroyed it and made no copies. The Office of Civil Rights was also contacted, as were the families of the individuals whose names appeared on the page. Keith noted he had searched the Department Operating Regulations (DORS) and found there is no DOR that addresses the issue of an external document received by DMH. The DOR that addresses this issue is now being revised. Keith made a commitment to the Commission that this will not happen again. Commissioners expressed their deep concerns that the issue of trust with the Department has been badly damaged.</p>
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	<p>Beth Viviano made a motion that the Mental Health Commission convene Closed Executive Session in accordance with Section 610.021 (2), (3) RSMo, Purchasing/Leasing, Personnel. Phillip McClendon seconded and the motion passed.</p>
<b>BELLEFONTAINE HABILITATION CENTER AND QUALITY OF CARE REFORM</b>	<p>Bernie Simons provided an update on the modifications to the Governor's Plan for Bellefontaine Habilitation Center as compared to the original plan. He gave an overview of the new Plan and noted that the RFP for providers of residential services is scheduled to go out today. A pre-bid conference will be held later this month, with the review process and award to follow. Those agencies awarded contracts will physically take over on February 16, 2008.</p> <p>Other items noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision Item aimed at reducing size of caseloads</li> <li>• Quality Assurance will report to Central Office</li> <li>• Regional Restructure will focus on provider relations</li> <li>• Bernie explained self-directed services</li> <li>• Self Advocate to be hired for each regional office, who will be connected with Central Office Quality Assurance</li> <li>• Measures taken to assure consumer is safe at a community provider</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSFORMATION UPDATE</b>	<p>Diane McFarland provided a handout showing the MO Mental Health Transformation Working Group Priority Recommendations and noted that these come from input from the Working Group and gathered at the public meetings the</p>

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	Transformation Group held around the state. Diane noted that further input could be added by the end of the month. The recommendations will be finalized in October.
<b>OPEN DISCUSSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter sent to the Mental Health Commission from Mary Vitale, guardian of her brother who is mentally retarded and has multiple physical impairments, will be entered into this record as public testimony.</li> <li>• Donna Lay, parent of a consumer at a MR/DD facility read a letter of “rebuttal” to the Missouri Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities ad posted on their website. That letter will be placed on the record as public testimony.</li> <li>• Francie Broderick, Executive Director of Places for People, Inc. in St. Louis, brought comments regarding the growing housing needs of people with serious psychiatric illnesses, and the need to fund those specialized housing services.</li> <li>• Kathy Meath, Executive Director, St. Louis ARC, brought comments on Quality Expansion in the community and gave some recommendations.</li> <li>• Susan Pritchard-Green, Missouri Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities Director, gave an explanation of the Council’s advertising campaign which contained the ad to which Donna Lay had earlier referred.</li> </ul>
<b>FUTURE MEETINGS</b>	The next Mental Health Commission Meeting will be at a location in the St. Louis area.
<b>ADJOURN</b>	<p>The Mental Health Commission adjourned at 2:50 p.m.</p> <hr/> <p>Ron Dittmore, Chair</p>